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**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**United Methodist Student Day**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel**

**10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 and Luke 1:4-15**

**God with Us Bring Hope - The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**10:00 a.m. is Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG**

**8:00 p.m. – Worship in the Chapel.**

**9:00 – Coffee Fellowship – Courtyard.**

**9:00 - Bible Study – Library.**

**9:00 – 11:30 – Childcare – Toddler Room.**

**10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary.**

**10:00 – Children’s Sunday School.**

**10:00 – ESL Bible Class – Library.**

**11:00 – SSP Stock Sales on the patio.**

**11:00 – Coffee Fellowship – JH**

**11:00 – Alternative Christmas Market – JH.**

**11:00 – Poinsettias on sale – Patio**

**11:00 – Adornment! (*see article below*)**

**11:15 – Carol Choir rehearsal – Music Room.**

**11:20 – Youth Bells rehearsal – Sanctuary.**

**4:30 – Youth Choir – Music Room – Rehearsals for Cabaret and Christmas Eve begin.**

**6:00 – Sundays @ Six not meeting in December.**

**6:30 – UMYF will not be meeting tonight.**

**Among the Church Family**

***In Our Prayers:***

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers. If you or a loved one needs to be added to the prayer chain or the newsletter prayer list, please let the church office know.

**Adornment!**

**Join us in Adorning our church campus for Christmas. On Sunday, December 1, after the 10:00 a.m. service, take 15 minutes (or more) to place some decorations on our sanctuary and chapel Christmas trees. There are plenty of ornaments and places on the trees for young children. If decorating the trees is not your thing, you may put celebratory wreaths on the church and sanctuary walls. Remember, many hands make for lots of fun and light work.**



## Christmas Poinsettias

Every Christmas, our chapel and sanctuary are decorated with beautiful poinsettia plants which are pre-purchase by our congregation, usually in memory or in honor of friends and family. These may be taken home after the 9 PM and 11 PM Christmas Eve services, or left for volunteers to take to our homebound members after Christmas. This year, you may pre-purchase poinsettias for \$10 each after the services on Sunday, Dec. 1st and Sunday, Dec. 8th and in the office during the week between. The last day to order is Dec. 8th.



## Alternative Christmas Market



Every day we hear and read about the crisis in housing and homelessness. We feel sympathetic about the situation but we often feel powerless to make inroads into the problem. We have three organizations in our market working to give help and hope to make a difference! Give a gift in honor of a loved one from Union Station, Habitat for Humanity, and Family Promise. Check out our shopping list this Sunday to give powerful gifts that keep on giving!

## Angel Gifts Are Due this Sunday, December 1!

Please leave gifts with angels attached to the UNWRAPPED bags and leave gift cards in the church office for safety. **RETURN YOUR GIFTS BEFORE OR BY DECEMBER 1st.**



## Calling All Children, Youth and Adults



Christmas is coming! We need animals, shepherds and wise men for the Christmas Eve family Service at 5:00PM on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5:00PM. Please note the following casting change! This year, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus will be played by Jennifer, Tom, and Joanna DeClerk! Sister Ella will also be an angel or animal. Jennifer is a Youth Choir and UMYF alumnus, and was one of my first youth at CGS. She teaches at Highland

Oaks, and has taught or is currently teaching many of our children and youth. Jennifer told me that she always wanted to be Mary, and is happy to finally get that opportunity! Cousins Emily and Olivia Bulgin will also be in the cast as animals or angels. If there is a part that you have always wanted to play, this is the year to do it! Carol Choir, Youth Choir and Youth Bells will also be participating. Rehearsals for the Pageant will be Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:15AM – 1:00PM, and Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:15AM – 1:00PM. It is not a problem if you are unable to make both rehearsals. Lunch will be included!

## Holiday Food Basket Collection – Now through New Years!

It's mid-November and many of us happily look towards Thanksgiving and Christmas. The clients of the Foothill Unity Center also would like to celebrate these special holidays with their families and you can help! The Center distributes special Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and our donations can help fill them. Anything you enjoy at a holiday meal can be donated. Make sure it DOES NOT come in a GLASS CONTAINER! Here is a list of some suggested items: (canned or packages of:) yams, vegetables, fruit, hearty soups, beans, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, dessert mixes, stuffing, rice, baking mixes, pickles, olives, Jello, gravy, dinner helpers, beef stew, cranberry sauce, bread mixes such as cornbread, mac and cheese mix, canned pumpkin. If you prefer to make a donation towards the turkeys, chickens, and hams that are provided please make your check out to The Foothill Unity Center and leave it in the office for safe delivery. Food items should be left in Jordan Hall. Thanks and blessings!





## Thanksgiving Eve

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held on **Wednesday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Our Youth Choir will be providing the music for the service.

### Foothill Unity Center Bags & Egg Cartons

**Thank You** to the many church members who have supported the Foothill Unity Center by donating plastic bags and egg cartons. The Center is still collecting these items. Please continue to bring the bags and egg cartons and deposit them in the white barrels located in the annex of Jordan Hall (northeast corner of JH). If possible, please place them in grocery store type paper/plastic bags rather than loosely.



*–Vern and Lynne Whitaker*



### The Arroyo Singers in Concert at CGS

The Arroyo Singers present “Christmas in L.A.” to start your holiday season off right! The show is **Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary here at Good Shepherd. Ticket donation is \$15 at the door (children under 12 are free).**

The Arroyo Singers is a Women's Choral group and was formed in 1961 by a group of Cal Tech wives. The groups' membership is now open to all women who love to sing, and they hail from all around the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley's. They welcome new members at the beginning of January and September.

The group is under the Musical Direction of Ryan R. Brown. Ryan serves as Associate Conductor for Zoé Chamber Choir, Choral Director at California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley, and a Teaching Associate for the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.

Dr. Lauralie Pow, collaborative accompanist. Lauralie received her Doctorate in Collaborative Piano from University of Miami in 2016. She is currently on faculty at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) where she individually coaches students and teaches classes. Lauralie is also currently on faculty at the California School of the Arts in San Gabriel (CSArts) where she teaches classes and accompanies vocal and choral classes.

### **Stewardship in 2020: 100 at 100%!**

This Thanksgiving week, the church is thankful for its members, families, and friends. Your presence in worship helps to elevate our time of praise to God. Your attendance in Bible Studies, book groups, and other small group studies enrich our learning programs. Your participation on church committees builds up the church ministries and administrative duties.

And lastly, your financial support allows for the church to continue its ministries within and outside the church. In 2018- there were 121 pledges with 90% giving as promised. In 2019, there are 114 pledges with 75% to date giving as promised. I encourage all to review your quarterly giving statement and help us to reach a 100% giving as promised in 2019.



As we head into the new year, the Finance Committee and I appreciate those who have turned in their 2020 Pledge Cards so far, 68 Pledge cards have been collected. We will continue to collect your cards throughout the December Advent Season. The goal for 2020 is to have at least 100 Pledges and all giving at 100%. Advent is a time of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Let us be guided by this as we commit to reach the 2020 Pledge goal together!

Together in Christ's Service,

*Pastor Eva*

## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

*Can you believe that Christmas is coming soon! Don't worry about going shopping or catching deals online. Our annual Alternative Christmas Market has something for everyone on your list! The market will be held after the 10 AM service on December 1, 8 and 15. Gifts from Church World Service, Trees for Life, FINCA, Heifer Project, Union Station Pasadena, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise and Heavenly Treasures will be available for gifts that give twice!*

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service in our Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving weekend holidays – office and Children's Center closed.

December 1 – Adornment at 11:00 a.m. – Alternative Christmas Market and Poinsettia sales also after 10:00 a.m. worship service.

December 8 – Crafters Christmas Boutique in Jordan Hall at 11:00 a.m. - Alternative Christmas Market continues and Poinsettia sales final day after 10:00 a.m. worship service.

December 15 – Double Rings Fellowship Group is having their Christmas Bake Sale in Jordan Hall at 11:00 a.m. – Alternative Christmas Market concludes.

Save the date, UMYF Alumni from the 1998 to 2003 era: February 29, 2020 (leap day), come for a potluck in Jordan Hall at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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